

FRIESIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND (FHAGBI) LIMITED
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT HARBOURS HILL FARM
18 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 1400 HOURS

PRESENT: Tracey Venter
Julian Atkins
Kim Begley
Sarah Dobson
Ashley Erskine
Deborah Evans
Sarah Fisher
Fiona Griffiths
Lynsey Gordon (by telephone)
Millie Hadley
Julie Messenger
Mary Morgan
Linda Atkins (minutes)

APOLOGIES: Ian Garbett
Gaynor Garbett
Delia Harris
Clare Howard
Vicki Knapp
Annette Maher Jones
Wendy Mason Smith
John Moon
Mervyn Moon
Helen Sinclair

Action

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the AGM held 20 February 2016 were agreed as a correct record.

RESOLVED:-

To approve the minutes of the AGM held 20 February 2016.

2. Presidents' Report

Tracey presented her President's report giving a review of 2016 (see attachment). Thanks were expressed to Sarah for her tremendous work for FHAGBI in 2016 - especially for the Festival. Wendy's resignation from the Board of Directors of FHAGBI was announced and appreciation was expressed for all her work as a Board member since August 2005.

3. Memberships

Julian used graphs to illustrate the growth in memberships 2004 – 2016. It was disappointing that the introduction of the silver membership level had not reduced the level of non-renewals in 2017. Membership numbers currently stand at 214 with 70 non-renewals from 2016 – budgetary target for 2017 is 290 members. Julian confirmed that the KFPS do not receive a portion of silver and bronze membership fees.

4. Financial Report

Julian presented his Treasurer's report and tabled the 2016 Annual Accounts which were approved and signed and will be filed with Companies House. He reported on a loss in 2016 of £2.5k largely due to the costs of the highly successful Friesian Festival.

RESOLVED:-

To approve the 2016 Annual Accounts.

5. Election of Directors

The resignation of Wendy from the Board of Directors with effect from 18 February 2017 was noted.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, Tracey stood down as a Director and was then re-elected.

6. Election of Committee Members

Ashley, Kim and Lynsey were welcomed on to the Committee and it was noted that Elaine Simpson had resigned during the year. The need to update the website was discussed and Sarah Fisher volunteered to undertake this – Tracey to liaise with Sarah to establish requirements.

Tracey

7. Review of 2016

See President's Report attachment.

8. Plans for 2017

The possibility of organising a Festival in 2017 was discussed at length. It was agreed to organise a Festival 25-27 August 2017 at Myerscough. Sarah reported on potential displays which she had investigated, including a display by the para rider Ashley Jones and her trainer who both ride Friesians. The Inside Out Horse is also available for one day – requiring 2 horses and 6 volunteers. Clare Howard and Barry Hook will also be invited to return to the Festival. It is hoped that the Drill team and mounted games will also be included. The theme of Friesian horses in films will be considered for the Festival. Sponsorships to be sought. Photographers passes were discussed. A

volunteer to undertake the commentary will be required. Ashley agreed to help with the organisation of entries and will contact Wendy for previous years files. Tracey to inform KFPS that the Inspections will take place on 25 August 2017.

Beach Rides in Cumbria (20 May) and a New Forest Ride (24 June) will again be organised in 2017.

9. AOB

9.1 In response to a question posed by Ian and Gaynor Garbett regarding the possibility of memberships being matched to KFPS stable name, it was noted that the FHAGBI ruling is one Facebook access per membership (simplifies the administration). The KFPS will be asked whether membership could be in a stable name but it is anticipated that membership has to be in a person's name.

9.2 In response to a question posed by Ian and Gaynor Garbett regarding professional runners at the 2016 Inspections it was acknowledged that there were none available due to a clash with other inspections. It is hoped that Piet Sibma will be available for FHAGBI 2017 Inspections. It was noted that the circuit fee charged to members does not cover the costs of the runners.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is to be advised.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 1640 HOURS